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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

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Re: Application of Shotaro YAMAGUCHI and Akira MATSUURA, entitled
NOVEL PROTEIN-DEAMIDATING ENZYME, GENE ENCODING THE
SAME, PRODUCTION PROCESS THEREFOR, AND USE THEREOF
Assignee: AMANO PHARMACEUTICAL CO., LTD.
Our Ref: Q80536

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a Divisional Application of pending prior Application No. 09/793,495 (Confirmation No.6510) filed February 27, 2001, (now allowed), by Shotaro YAMAGUCHI, Akira MATSUURA entitled NOVEL PROTEIN-DEAMIDATING ENZYME, GENE ENCODING THE SAME, PRODUCTION PROCESS THEREFOR, AND USE THEREOF, which is a Divisional Application of prior Application No. 09/324,910 filed June 3, 1999 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,251,651).

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, eighteen (18) sheets of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration and Assignment as filed in the prior application. Also, enclosed are (1) a Preliminary Amendment including Replacement, Formal Drawings, (2) an Information Disclosure Statement and a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing references cited by applicant and/or the examiner during prosecution of the prior application, (3) a Request to Use Computer-Readable Form of Sequence Listing Submitted in a Co-Pending Application in Accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(e).

The Assignment was recorded on August 30, 1999, at Reel 010201, Frame 0792.

The prior application is assigned to Examiner Manjunath N. Rao in Group Art Unit 1652.

This is a divisional of Application No. 09/793,495, filed February 27, 2001, (now allowed); which is a Divisional Application of U.S. Application No. 09/324,910, filed June 3, 1999, (now U.S. Patent No. 6,251,651); the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference.



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Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	10-173940	June 4, 1998
Japan	11-345044	December 9, 1999

The priority document, JP 10-173940 was filed in the grand-parent Application No. 09/324,910 and the priority document, JP 11-345044 was filed in the parent Application No. 09/727,769.

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The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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